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## Elementary Curriculum Changed

### MISS ELDRIDGE RETURNS TO DUTIES

Soon the reverberating beat of the feet of our energetic music instructor will sound again through the halls of F.T.C. Miss Eldridge is scheduled to be back carrying on where she left off, beginning the week before vacation.

She has started this week, however, to polish up on graduation music with the orchestra whom she is scheduled to meet on Wednesday from 3 to 4.

Miss Eldridge has been greatly missed by the musical organizations because her absence has delayed many of their plans.

We're glad to have you with us again, Miss Eldridge.

### THE WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Schedule for the week of  
April 18 to 23 inclusive:

#### Monday

3:30—Baseball Practice  
4:00—Intra-mural Volleyball

#### Tuesday

Holiday

#### Wednesday

12:30—Glee Club  
3:00—Girls' Badminton  
3:30—Baseball Practice

#### Thursday

11:00—Assembly  
2:40—M.A. Board Meeting  
4:00—Girls' Volleyball  
3:30—Baseball Practice

#### Friday

3:30—Baseball Practice

#### Saturday

3:00—Baseball F.T.C. vs.  
Hyannis — Here

### \* Liberal Arts Course To Be Offered For First Two Years To Elementary Students

The Massachusetts Department of Education has announced the changes to be made in the curriculum for the training of elementary school teachers. This curriculum has been drawn up by a committee of Teachers College Presidents and will go into affect with next September's entering class.

It is expected that the emphasis on Liberal Arts subjects in the first two years may attract a number of students who wish such training without any thought of professional preparation for training.

There will be a like change made in the Junior High School curriculum and this change will be announced in a few weeks.

No major changes will be made in the Practical Arts program. Note. This program is not an innovation for several states have been carrying on like programs for five years or more.

#### First Year

General Psychology	3
Physical Science	4
Freshman English	6
World History	6
Mathematics	6
Speech	1
Physical Education	1
*Electives	6

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#### Second Year

Biological Science	4
Sophomore Literature	6
United States History	3
Government & Citizenship	3
Logic	3
Fine Arts	6
Speech	1
Physical Education	1
*Electives	6

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### REV. MR. MAX KAPP REVIEWS BOOK

Tuesday of this week, April 12, at the auditorium, the Junior class sponsored a very interesting assembly when they presented the Rev. Max Kapp, pastor at the First Universalist Church of this city in his interpretation of the book, "Marie Curie".

This biography of the late woman scientist was written by Eve Curie, daughter of Marie; and translated into English by Vincent Sheehan. Mr. Kapp, in his usual dynamic manner, injected feeling and modern-day lessons into his survey, showing

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### PHYLLIS BURGER WINS SPELLING BEE

Phyllis Burger, 13, of 9 Buttrick Avenue, Fitchburg, a student in the eighth grade of the F. T. C. Junior High School, was the victor in a spelling bee which was held in the assembly hall Tuesday, April 5th. This spelling bee was held under the auspices of the "Worcester Telegram and Gazette", to determine the best speller in the "district" including Goodrich Street School, St. Joseph's School and the T.C.J. H.S.

This makes the third spelling bee that Phyllis Burger has won.

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## EDITORIAL

## MEN'S REST ROOM

The Men's Student Association has as one of its duties the care and upkeep of the Men's Rest Room. For the care of this room, the president of the association appoints a committee which sometimes is efficient and sometimes is just another committee, but for the upkeep of this room there is no allotment made in the budget.

The Rest Room is used as a smoking room, recreation room, dining hall and dressing room. The furniture of this multiple purpose room has a great deal of hard usage and its life expectancy is short. When anything is broken or worn out there is no money to repair or replace it.

The Men's Student Association, or any system of student government that might replace it, should have in its budget an item to adequately cover the upkeep of our Men's Rest Room.

Andy Owens

## THE ASH TRAY

Bernie Roth

Now it comes out: Punster Hill, after hearing the Lowell Choir, admitted that the trumpeter was "choir" good-looking girl. Likewise Bob Mc Dowell, after T. Pettee (the wit) had left the table, was heard to remark that it certainly felt swell to have a "thorn" removed from his side. Would you Beul-ieve it? .. E. Comeau has to sleep longer because he sleeps slower than the rest of us. Brac had the Gavs howling the other night, with his delightfully idiomatic use of the expression "getting a hold of people and stuff and things." We find ourselves heartily in accord with Master Student John Flood who observed regarding the popularity of Ferdinand: "The little bull has certainly gone a long ways." Didn't we always tell you?

Now that track is no more, Savoy has taken to commuting. Ross Street is neglected, and the boys have taken to walking. The last-mentioned may have something to do with spring, which, as has been elsewhere noted, has arrived. We, as far as is known, are the first to observe that the voice of the turtle is heard again in the land. Or had you already noticed? There is a place where Washington Irving says that spring is the time to "look pale, go neatly, write poetry, and be most apparently in love." Miss Nixon's literature classes have taken this so seriously—particularly the poetry part—that we feel that this benighted campus is due to see a renaissance of verse, heroic and otherwise, almost any day now. Why, only yesterday, Joe Anderson was at the Hasting Conservatory, just to see how a crocus shoot, shoots. It's in the air!

Still speaking of verse, there's a yogi living somewhere in Palmer Hall who thrives on a diet of

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She won the home room match, the school match, and the district match. She will represent her district in the Grand Final Spelling Bee to determine the championship of all Central Massachusetts. The Final Bee will be held Friday evening, May 13, at the Worcester Memorial Auditorium.

The winner of the Final Bee will be declared Champion of Central Massachusetts, and will be sent to Washington, with all expenses paid, to represent Central Massachusetts at the National Spelling Bee May 31.

The winner of the National Spelling Bee will receive a cash award of \$500, the person standing second will receive \$300, and all contestants will receive a \$50 bonus.

water tumblers which have an annoying habit of being extremely absent just when the boys most need them. Anyway, the situation evoked some rhyming from J. Bresnahan, who the other evening walked into the proctor's room with: "Hey, Mister Busby, I got complaint I need a glass, and by gosh, there ain't." We'll let you get away with that, Bresny, only on poetic license.

Since this seems to be the all-poetry number, let's wind up the sitting while we read you a legend that has lately come out of the training schools. The heroine must have been one of those progressive educators, we hope so, and good enough for her:

There once was a trainer infallible,

Who seldom waxed at all voluble—

Till she became all aware Of a tack in her chair;

Then her language turned pretty intol'a'ble.

Sic transit gloria until next week!



Tennis Team  
Has 9 Games

# SPORT PAGE

Black II, Wins  
Two Games

## MEN'S SPORTS



### "BATTER UP"

The Assembly Committee will present April 21, "Batter Up," an educational film with an appeal to all types of audiences, narrated by Ted Husing and produced by General Motors.

This film features practically every department of play used in baseball and illustrates the fine points of this game which is such a popular national pastime. It includes views of the league's baseball school, All Star game and the World Series stars of the American league.

### TENNIS SCHEDULE

Manager Joe Daniels has arranged one of the hardest schedules for tennis this season that any team has ever had here at Fitchburg.

The schedule is as follows:

May 6 — American International — at Springfield

May 9 — Bridgewater — at Bridgewater

May 14 — New Britain — at New Britain

May 18 — New Britain — Home

May 20 — Boston College — Home

May 21 — New England Teachers Tournament — at Salem

May 23 — Bridgewater — Home

May 26 — Worcester Tech — Home

June 1 — Assumption College — Home

Matches are pending with Keene Normal and Rhode Island School of Education.

The two teams added this year are Worcester Tech, and Boston College, two top notchers in the New England College circuits.

### VOLLEYBALL

The M. A. A. Board at a recent meeting, put into effect a new rule concerning intra-mural volleyball in order to create more interest in this sport. This rule states that teams which do not put in an appearance at the time scheduled for the game, automatically lose by a forfeit. If both teams fail to appear, the board has decided to drop them from the league. All remaining teams please take notice of this new rule.

Two big games were scheduled for last Monday; one between the Junior G. M. and the Freshman P. A., the other between the Sophomore P. A. and the Senior P. A. Both the Junior G. M. and the Freshman P. A. forfeited their chances to stay in the league neither one had a team present. The Sophomore P. A. won by forfeit over the Senior P. A. This means that the Sophomore go into the finals.

## WOMEN'S SPORTS

### PLAY DAY

Leominster, Gardner, Groton, Lunenburg, Townsend, and Fitchburg High Schools will be invited to Fitchburg Teachers College on April 27 to participate in a Play Day similar to the sports program which was conducted by the Women's Athletic Associa-

## WOMEN'S SPORTS



tion about three years ago. Florence Lovell has been chosen to act as general chairman for the Play Day, and is at present working on plans which will be announced later in detail.

### GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

The gymnasium was the scene of several colorful and exciting volleyball games in which Black, Orange, and White teams were engaged on Tuesday afternoon. The Head of Volleyball, Arlene Molaghan, together with Miss Bolger, chose first and second teams from each color group, and planned the afternoon's schedule in order that each team could play twice.

The teams were very evenly matched, the second Black team being the only outfit to win more than one game. The battle between the Orange first team and the White first team contained the longest rallies and the most excitement.

Final scores were as follows: Orange I (Capt. O'Conner) 32, Black I (Capt. McAuliff) 18; Orange II (Capt. Ward) 19, White II (Capt. Hackett) 12; Black I 24, White I (Capt. Whitcomb) 15; Black II (Capt. Connelly) 20, Orange II 11; White I 23, Orange I 15; Black II 14, White II 10.

# Campus Chatter



By the way, do you have a pet phrase that you repeat often?

Here are a few:

"Kids—did I tell you this one?"

—Anna Clifford

"How goes the battle?"—Paul

Devecis

"Get your news in on time!"—

—Andy Owens

"I'm happy about the whole thing!"—Ed O'Sheasy

"Howdy!"—Mr. Weston

"Got anything to eat?"—Ruth Hughes

"Say, who are you? anyway?"

Gerry Lyons

"Wanna hear something funny?"—E. Scully

"Have you read the book?"—

Miss Nixon

More fun — more people killed!"—Stan English

(Chuckle) "Isn't that awful?"

—Norma Richardson

"A little chatter out there!"—

Coach Jeffries

Advice to baseballers: The better the batter, the bigger the bagger! (I must have found that one in a sandlot)

According to newspaper reports, Hitler is going places by leaps and boundaries!

## CURRICULUM CHANGED

### \*Electives

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Choose from the following:

Geography  
English History  
Foreign Language  
Literature  
Art  
Music

The following courses in Education are to be included in the third and fourth year programs in the Elementary Course:—

Methods in English .....	6
Primary Reading and Language	
Children's Literature	
Spelling	
Penmanship	
Arithmetic.....	2
Music and Art.....	2
Geography and History.....	2
Science.....	2
Educational Psychology and Tests and Measurements....	4
History of Education.....	2
Practice Teaching and Observation.....	8

In addition to the above the following courses are prescribed:—

Third Year		Fourth Year	
Physical Education	1	Speech	1
Speech	1	Philosophy of Ed.	2
Geography	6	Hygiene	2
Sociology	4	Physical Education	1
Economics	4	Electives	12
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sufferings and deprivations of Mme. Curie in her student days at the Sorbonne, and the years 1898 to 1902, in which she and her husband pursued their researches in what one might call a shack. The Reverend Mr. Kapp revealed to us, not a cold-blooded scientist, but a woman of emotional depth and spiritual integrity,—not a member of any church, but a soul as spiritual and good as any saint in history.

Mrs. Pierce, our music teacher who has been working in that capacity during Miss Eldridge's absence, showed her ability as a pianist, and revealed to us something that we had not expected. Playing with great skill and feeling, she presented a waltz by Strauss, "June Rose," and "The Trout," a song by Schubert arranged for the piano.

Joseph Cutler, president of the Junior class, read from the Bible and introduced the speaker and pianist.

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